

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/517,625

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Applicant: Masahiro Endo

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Anh Hong Do

Title: INFORMATION CODING APPARATUS, INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS, AND METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.